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Re:

In the Matter of James Verbic (CRD# 2125770)

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Dear Sir:

As you know, this firm represents Mr. James Verbic ("Verbic") in the above-referenced matter. Enclosed for filing please find thirteen (13) copies of Mr. Verbic's Motion to Adjourn.

Please be advised that the original motion was previously sent to Administrative Law Judge, Philip J. Dion III, and a copy was also sent to Amy J. Leeson, Esq., Special Assistant to Attorney General.

Thank you for your attention in this regard.

Very truly yours,

Model H. Ference

MHF/jmr Encl.

# BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

WILLIAM A. MUNDELL 2003 MM 28 P 3: 48: Chairman JIM IRVIN Commissioner MARC SPITZER Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission In the matter of: DOCKETED JAMES T. M. VERBIC MAR 2 8 2003 (CRD #2125770) 7880 n. 71<sup>ST</sup> Street DOCKETEL BY Paradise Valley, Arizona 85253 Respondent.

## RESPONDENT JAMES T. M. VERBIC'S MOTION TO ADJOURN

Respondent James T. M. Verbic ("Verbic"), by and through his counsel, Sichenzia Ross Friedman Ference LLP, submits this Motion to Adjourn the Hearing currently scheduled to begin on Wednesday, March 19, 2003. As will be demonstrated below, the combination of circumstances currently prevailing necessitates that the Hearing in this matter be adjourned.

As the parties have previously informed Your Honor, Mr. Verbic and the Securities

Division have been in serious settlement discussions. Representatives for the Securities Division
and Mr. Verbic had agreed to the terms and language of a negotiated Consent Order to resolve
this matter. This afternoon, we learned that the Administrator of the Securities Division had
rejected the language of the proposed Consent Order.

In light of the fact that the hearing is otherwise scheduled to begin in two days, Mr.

Verbic and his counsel are not in a position to be in Arizona by Wednesday, and counsel is not in a position to proceed to hearing on Wednesday, March 19, 2003. Given what the parties had

thought were agreeable terms of a Consent Order, Counsel had curbed its hearing preparations.

Accordingly, Mr. Verbic requests a brief adjournment of the hearing date to allow Mr. Verbic and his counsel to make travel plans to Arizona and to prepare for the hearing.

I am available all day Tuesday, March 18, 2003, except between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., e.s.t. for a telephone conference to discuss the instant application and to discuss potential alternative hearing dates.

In light of the foregoing, Mr. Verbic respectfully requests that the Court grant this motion in its entirety.

Dated: New York, New York March 17, 2003

Yours, etc.,

SICHENZIA ROSS FRIEDMAN FERENCE LLP

Michael H. Ference, Esq.

Richard J. Babnick Jr., Esq., signing in Mr. Ference's absence

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for Michael H. Ference, Esq.

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